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1. Personnel at Prague-Kbely Airfield:

Commanding officer of the Kbely Garrison: Colonel Frantisek Sklenar.
2nd in command: Major Václav Neuman.
Counter-intelligence officer (DOZ): Staff Captain Aunsprung.
Political education officer: Captain Frantisek Triska.
Communications officer: 2nd Lieutenant Malý.
Commanding officer of Military Unit 1115 - Air Operations Room (LOS -
letecky operacni sal) 1: Lieutenant Colonel Jaroslav Mach.
Technical officer of LOS 1: Staff Captain Karel Prochazka.¹

2. Air Operations Room (LOS) 1, Prague-Kbely, constitutes an independent military unit, subordinated to the General Staff, Air Force Command. Its task is to provide an accurate picture of air operations in times of war, over Czechoslovak territory as well as on allied and enemy territory. It is organized according to the British pattern, and it seems that it was set up by a Colonel Vrana who is now abroad. LOS 1 is located in the Prague-Kbely barracks, in the rear of the barracks buildings, at the edge of the Letnany airfield in the direction of the Aero aircraft works. It has been in operation since 15 January 1950. Six radio-telegraphers of the Air Force and four from the Petrin station were transferred to LOS 1 at the time.

3. Technical equipment of LOS 1.

- a. Radio transmitters, located in the transmission center in Satalice;

4	transmitters, output 800 w, for long and medium waves, German manufacture
2	" " 400 w, " ultra-short " (phono) French
3	" " 100 w, " long " German
4	" " 200 w, " long and short " German
1	Jalta transmitter, output 70 w, uses also 800 w for regenerative tuning.

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- b. Receivers: Radio Koerting, Fug (Funkgeraet) 10, Fug 16, Jalta, and one American Hallicrafter.
- c. Telephone: There is a direct telephone line from Prague to LOS 1, Kbely, Number 280-82. There are also direct telephone lines between LOS Prague, LOS Zvolen, and an LOS located in Budapest, with the following secret code-names: Prague - ZEUS; Zvolen - DIANA; Budapest - OLYMPIA.
- d. Three radar sets, of which two are mobile and one is a fixed range finder, located on Prague-Mountain at Brdy, 420 kc/s, 4 DC. As far as known to source, the only fixed range finder has been erected at Kbely. It consists of four antenna masts, connected by a shielded cable running about two meters under the earth. All other stations have EP2 range finders with frame antennae.

4. Communications.

- a. The LOS operates on call-sign "LENKA" on 3985 kc/s or 3895 kc/s frequency, as well as on very high frequencies of 40.2 mc/s or 42.0 mc/s. In day-time, Prague and Zvolen are in long-distance communication with Budapest on 5810 kc/s from 0500 hrs. GMT to 1700 hrs. GMT. At night they switch to 4250 kc/s. There is constant contact between these three LOS, which are exchanging either training or operational signals all the time. (Training signals: WZD, 33, the date and further groups. . . ; operational signals: WZD, the date and subsequent groups. . .) Flights of aircraft in transit from Hungary to Poland are reported to LOS 3 in Zvolen, by their markings. E.g.: OKWDK, HALIH, YRTAM. . .

- b. Station marks: LOS Prague-Kbely: B3C, with shortened calls, only 3
- LOS Zvolen: D5M, " 5
- LOS Budapest: F8U " 8
- Chrudim: 9LF
- Pardubice: NK1
- Havlickuv Brod: KD8
- Plzen (Pilsen): 8PR
- Malacky: 4CD
- Prostejov: B3D

- 5. In order to prevent escapes of pilots, all pilots flying on specified missions are given a strictly limited corridor along which to fly and have to maintain radio-contact with LOS every five minutes, reporting their position, altitude, direction, and sometimes their mission. The local air-control which reports their start also has to report their mission.
- 6. Other units located at Kbely include a career meteorologist NCO school, with a course for conscript meteorologist NCOs; an Air Force transport regiment, equipped with DC3 and D 52 a/c; a training squadron; and a technical squadron. The training school for operating gas-turbine aircraft was transferred from Zatec to Kbely during the summer of 1950, because a concrete runway had been completed at Kbely. In 1951 the school was transferred to Milovice.

- 1. Comment: Commanding officer of LOS 2 in Brno is Major Frantisek Danda.

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